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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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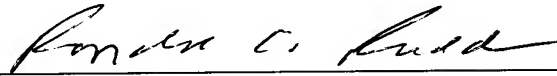
In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated September 10, 2007,  
Applicants elect without traverse Species I directed to Claims 1- 6, 12-15, and 21-22,  
corresponding to Figures 1-10. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that  
Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the  
non-elected claims.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an examination on the merits of Claims  
1- 6, 12-15, and 21-22 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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